



## QUEEN'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS 2017

The Queen's Counsel Selection Panel invites applications from advocates with rights of audience in England and Wales who believe they meet the competency requirements to a standard of excellence. Solicitors who hold rights of audience in the higher courts and employed barristers are eligible, as well as barristers in independent practice.

All applications will be considered against a defined set of competencies related to:

- Understanding and using the law
- Written and oral advocacy
- Working with others
- Diversity
- Integrity

All applications must be on the required form and accompanied by a fee of £2,160 (£1,800 + VAT) except for those entitled to claim the concessionary fee for low incomes, which is £1,080 (£900 + VAT). For an application form and further information please visit **[www.qcappointments.org](http://www.qcappointments.org)**

For all other enquiries please call the Queen's Counsel Appointments Secretariat on 020 7831 0020 or email **[enquiries@qcappointments.org](mailto:enquiries@qcappointments.org)** The competition will open on **Thursday 16 February 2017** and applications must be received by no later than **5pm on Thursday 30 March 2017**.

The Queen's Counsel Selection Panel is independent of Government and of the professional bodies. The Panel is committed to equality of opportunity in the appointments process for Queen's Counsel. Applicants who meet the standard of excellence required of Queen's Counsel will be recommended for appointment on merit, regardless of any personal or legally protected characteristic or any other extraneous factors.